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SUBJECT: GLOBAL MARKET RESEARCH: FOOD PROCESSING AND PACK-
AGING EQUIPMENT - SPAIN

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1. INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM SPANISH ADVISORY SERVICES
IN RESPONSE TO COMMERCE ANALYSIS (STATE 185678) LEAVES
ONLY TWO POINTS STILL UNCLEAR. THESE LISTED BELOW.
REQUEST POST TRANSMIT COPY QUERIES TO CONTRACTOR AND FORWARD
HIS RESPONSE TO COMMERCE ASAP.

2. QUERIES REMAINING CONCERNING SPANISH ADVISORY
SERVICES REPORT (FOR CONTRACTOR)

3.21.01

REVISED FIGURES OF MARKET FOR FOOD PACKAGING EQUIPMENT
(TABLE 1) SHOW SALES INCREASING AT CONSIDERABLY GREATER
RATE THAN SALES OF FOOD PROCESSING EQUIPMENT AND
SURPASSING THEM IN 1978. IN ALL OTHER COUNTRIES
SURVEYED, SALES OF FOOD PACKAGING EQUIPMENT HAVE
REMAINED CONSISTENTLY MUCH LOWER THAN SALES OF FOOL

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PROCESSING EQUIPMENT. PREVIOUS TO REVISION, TABLE

FOLLOWED THIS PATTERN, BUT NOW DIVERGES AS INDICATED ABOVE. COMMERCE REQUESTS CONTRACTOR'S OPINION ON REASON FOR THIS UNIQUE TREND.

3.31.01 (B)

CAREFUL REVIEW INFORMATION RECEIVED SUBSEQUENT TO RECEIPT OF COMMERCE ANALYSIS SPANISH ADVISORY SERVICE REPORT SHOWS THAT TOTAL PRODUCTION VALUES GIVEN IN TABLE 6 (P. 33) DISPROPORTIONATELY HIGH IN RELATION TO OTHER COUNTRIES IF TAKEN AS VALUE ADDED. REPORT GIVES VALUE ADDED PRODUCTION FOR SPAIN AS DOLS 7.9 BILLION; AUSTRALIAN CONTRACTOR LISTS TOTAL GROSS PRODUCTION OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRY FOR AUSTRALIA AS DOLS 5.8 BILLION; GROSS PRODUCTION FOR CANADA GIVEN AS DOLS 9.9 BILLION. STRONGLY SUSPECT REPORTED VALUE REPRESENTS GROSS PRODUCTION. PLEASE REVIEW SOURCES OF FIGURES AND CLARIFY.

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